Alexandria City Academy

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Code Administration
## John Catlett, Director

Code Compliance Through Education and Enforcement

Code Administration

- Administer seven Virginia Codes (Virginia Uniform Statewide Building)
    - Construction Code
    - Virginia Maintenance Code
    - Virginia Rehabilitation Code
    - Virginia Amusement Device Regulations
- City Code Nuisance Ordinances
- Respond to complaints; Nuisance Abatement Hotline
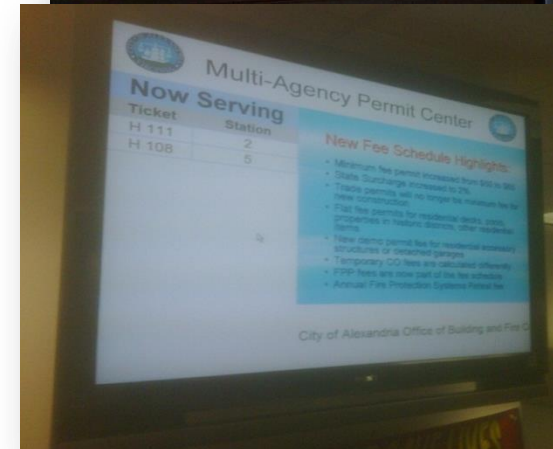- Damage assessment
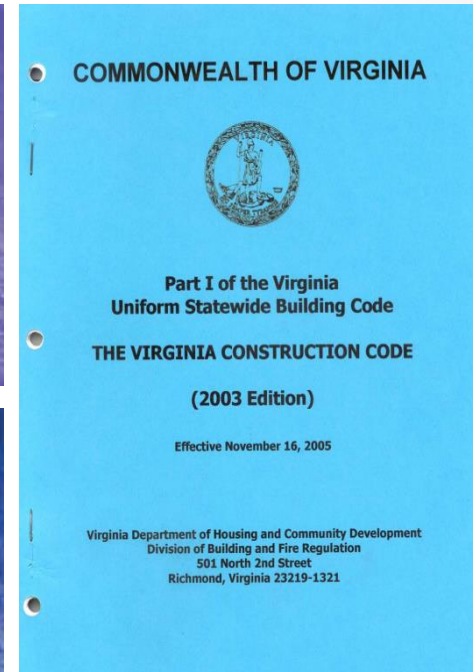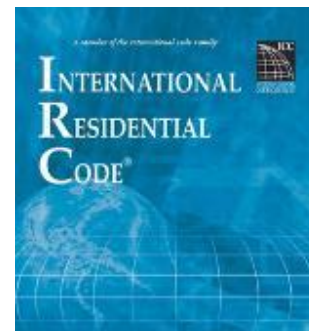
Administrative Services Section

- Division Chief - Diane Best
- Budget/Fiscal Management
- Purchasing
- Training/Certification tracking
- IT Services/Improvements
- Web site management
- Customer enhancements through process improvements and electronic access

Deputy Director

- Plan Review Services Division
- New Construction Inspection Services Division
- Multi-agency Permit Center
- Web Based Permitting
- Customer Relations/Call Center
- Public/Staff Inquires
- Records Retrieval, Management, and Retention; FOIA Request

Deputy Director
Gregg Fields

Permit Center Division

- Web Based Permitting
- Customer Relations/Call Center
- Public/Staff Inquires
- Records Retrieval, Management, and Retention; FOIA Request
- Expanded; Full Service Permit Center in FY 2014
  - Walk Thru Service
  - All agencies represented
  - Business license processed
  - Web based permits

- James Hunt, Division Chief
  – Permit Center Manager
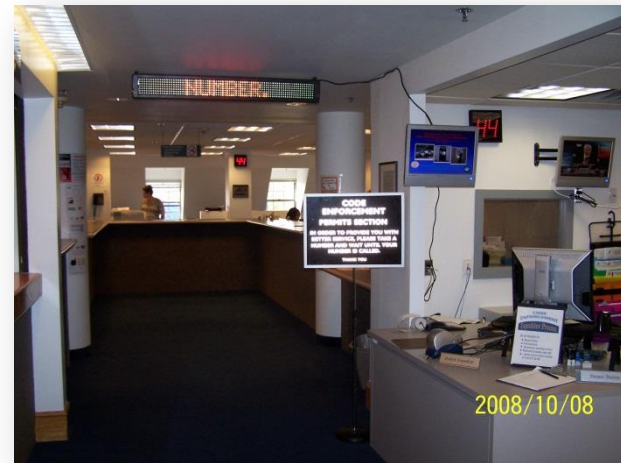
New Construction Inspection Services

- Division Chief – July 2013

- Inspections
  - Compliance with USBC Codes
  - Built per approved plans
  - Inspectors check for compliance with site issues pertaining to the building code and applicable City regulations
  - State mandated minimums achieved; site plan compliance

- Inspect new construction and renovation work:
  - Building
  - All Trades
  - Fire protection
  - Accessibility
  - Demolition
  - Residential & Commercial

Plan Review Services

- Ken Granata, Division Chief
- Review plans for compliance with building, trades, fire protection codes
- Site Plan, SUP, DSUP building code review
- One Stop Program
  - Scheduled plan review
  - All appropriate agencies
  - Review completed in one hour
- Small Business and Residential Project Facilitation Office July 2013
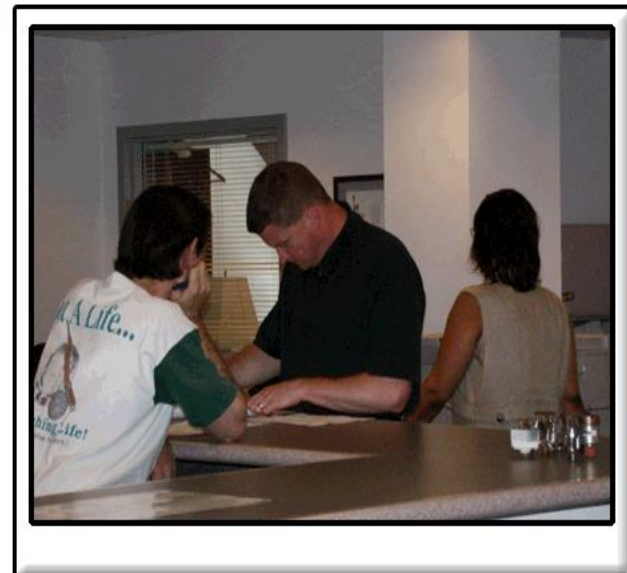
Maintenance Code Division

- Philip Pugh, Division Chief
- Virginia Maintenance Code
- Local City Ordinances
  - Nuisance Provisions
  - Trash Provisions
- Vacant Building Registration
- Residential Rental Permit Program
- Maintenance Code and Nuisance Complaint Investigation
- Proactive Neighborhood Inspection Program (N.I.P.)

Maintenance Code Division Areas of Enforcement

- Tall Grass/Weeds
- Improperly Maintained Structures
- Hoarding
- Abandoned, Inoperative vehicles
- Construction Noise
- Light Pollution
- Refrigerators and other white goods improperly disposed of
- Rodent Complaints
- Sewage Backups
- Trash and Garbage Complaint
- Water Damage
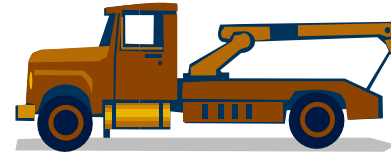
How to File a Complaint

- ## Normal Business Day
  - 703.746.4200
  - www.alexandriava.gov
    - Email a complaint
- ## Nuisance Abatement Hotline – 24/7
  - 703-836-0041
  - Answered during normal business hours by Citizen's Assistance
  - After hours, Weekends and Holidays answered by Emergency Communications

DEPARTMENT OF CODE ADMINISTRATION
John Catlett – Director
703.746.4200

Maintenance Code Division
Existing Building Maintenance; Nuisance Provisions (Trash, Weeds etc.); Rental Inspection Program; Vacant Building Registration; Unfit Structures; Hoarding; Rodent, Rodent Abatement, Inoperable Motor Vehicles, General Property Upkeep and Tenant Complaints

New Construction Division
New Construction; Alterations, Demolition, Repair, Renovation, Change of Use; Certificate of Occupancy, Plan Review, Inspections; Permit Center

Administrative Services Division
Fiscal Management; Budget; Fleet Management; Personnel Administration; Information Technology; Special Project Coordination

DEPUTY DIRECTOR - DEPUTY BUILDING OFFICIAL
GREGG FIELDS
703.746.4185

MAINTENANCE CODE
DIVISION CHIEF
Phillip Pugh
703.746.4229

PLAN REVIEW SERVICES
DIVISION CHIEF
Vacant
703.746.4190

PERMIT CENTER
DIVISION CHIEF
JAMES HUNT
703.746.4201

ADMIN SERVICES
DIVISION CHIEF
ERIC EISINGER
703.746.4183

Administrative Support V
Penny Gausman
703.7464189

Inspectors Sector I	Inspectors Sector II	Inspectors Sector III
2	2	2

Plan Examiners
7

Customer Service Technician (Call Taker)

Part Time Records Clerk/Call Taker

Management Analyst I
Sunila Dilawari
703.746.4188

ITS Coordinator
Ken Moss
703.746.4187

Small Business - Residential Permit Facilitator
Fall 2011

Senior Permit Technician

New Construction Inspections

Permit Technicians
5

Building Supervisor
Pete Mensinger
746.4210

Plumb/Mech Supervisor
Vacant

Electrical Supervisor
Paul Abernathy
746.4217

Inspectors
5

Inspectors
3

Inspectors
3

Fire Protection Systems
3

Information

- Permit Center – 703.746.4200
  - http://alexandriava.gov/fire/code/info/default.aspx?id=8866
- Online Permit Applications
  - http://permits.alexandriava.gov/tm_bin/tmw_cmd.pl?tmw_cmd=UserHome&tmw_current=1
- Daily Inspection Viewer
  - http://apps.alexandriava.gov/codeinspection/
- VA. Department of Professional and Occupational Regulations (DPOR)
  - Contractor look-up: http://www.dpor.state.va.us/regulantlookup/selection_input.cfm
- Code Administration Main Page
  - http://alexandriava.gov/Code
- Permit and Inspection Tracker
  - http://www3.alexandriava.gov/city/codeenforcement/permittracker/index.html

Questions?

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Transportation & Environmental Services
Richard J. Baier, Director

Snow Season Preparedness

- Snow and ice produce average annual accumulation of 15"

- City clears snow from 521 lane miles of roads, 20 miles of City-owned walkways/trails and 44 acres of municipal parking lots or City-owned squares

- When up to 8" is forecasted, City crews work to make snow covered roads passable for emergency vehicles and ensure schools are accessible. Roads may not be clear for up to 3 days (8+ city-wide incident command structure)

- City budget of $836,000, set according to average expectation. For comparison, Syracuse, N.Y. gets 115" annually and budgets $4 million annually
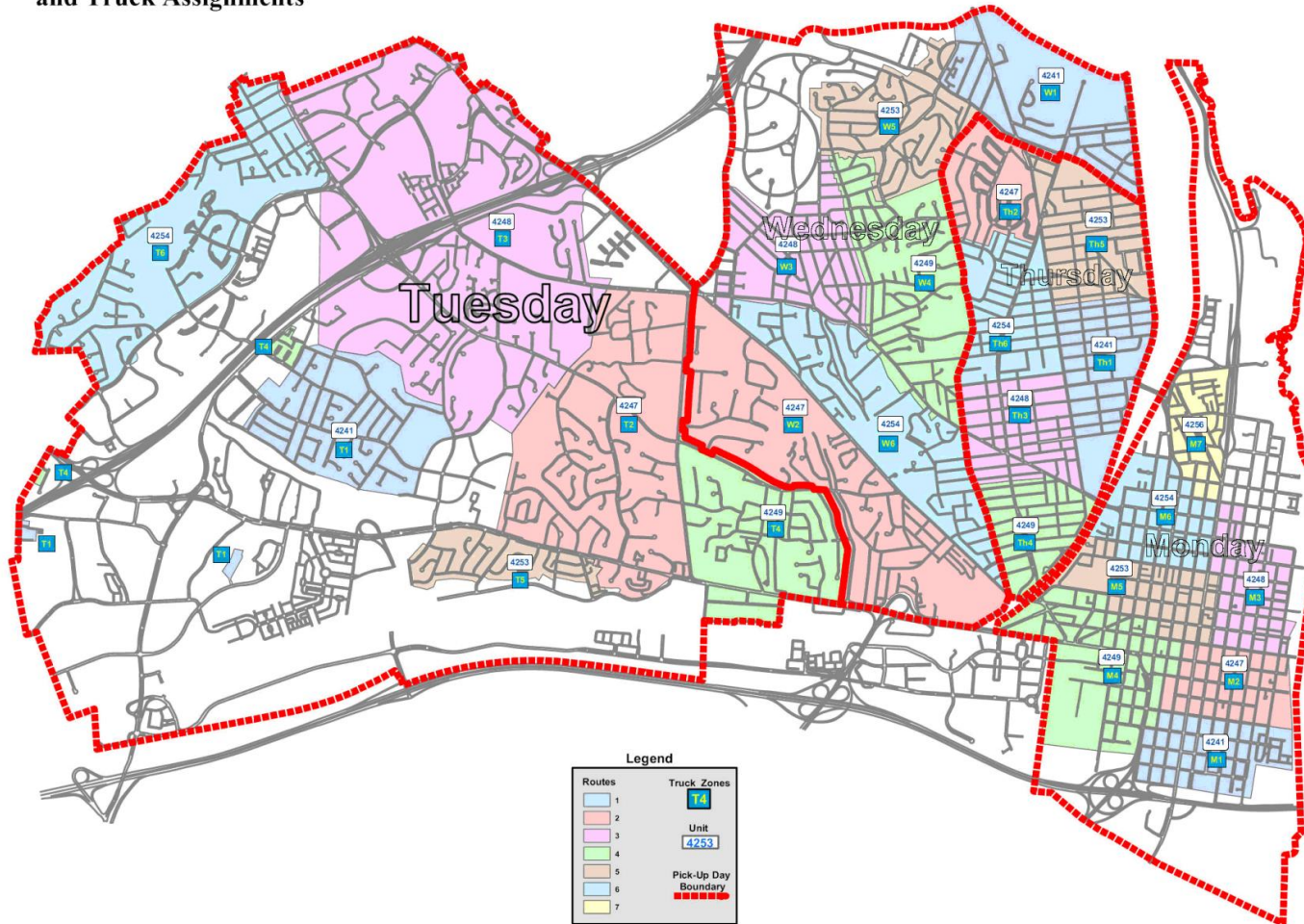
Solid Waste & Recycling

- Refuse/Recycling Division
- Street Cleaning
  - Leaf Collection
  - Sweeping
- Mulch Site
- Recycling Centers
- Spring Clean-Up
- Community Recycling
- Commercial Recycling

Refuse/Recycling Collection

New Refuse & Recycling Days, Pick-up Zones and Truck Assignments

Eco-City Update

- Partnership between City, Environmental Policy Commission (EPC) and Community
- Eco-City Alexandria project started in January 2007 following a request from City Council
- Green-Ventory and Compendium of Model Sustainability Practices – December 2007
- Eco-City Summit – Spring 2008
- Eco-City Charter Adoption – June 2008
- Environmental Action Plan 2030 Adoption - June 2009

ECO-CITY ALEXANDRIA

Eco-City Charter & Environmental Action Plan 2030

10 Eco-City Charter Principles

- Land Use and Open Space
- Water Resources
- Air Quality
- Transportation
- Energy
- Building Green
- Solid Waste
- Environmental Health
- Emerging Threats & Climate Change
- Implementation

Environmental Action Plan

- Comprehensive plan and road map for sustainability for the next 20 years
- Implementation plan following the ten guiding principles of the Eco-City Charter
- Incorporates short term goals and actions from Phase I EAP with new mid and long term goals and actions
- Contains 48 goals, 50 preliminary targets and 353 actions covering the next 20 years and beyond

Corridor C High Capacity Transit

Corridor C: Van Dorn/Beauregard

- Significant coordination with planning along Beauregard Street and adopted Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan
- Serves key attractors and generators
- Supports regional connectivity

- Bus Rapid Transit
- Median running (~80% dedicated)
- Potential conversion to streetcar

- City received $1M grant from FTA for an Alternatives Analysis (AA) to refine mode and alignment
- Completion of AA allows City to enter Small/New Starts pipeline for federal funding
- **FY2013 – 14:**
  - AA/Environmental Assessment
  - Preliminary Engineering
  - New Starts application
- **FY2015:** Final Design
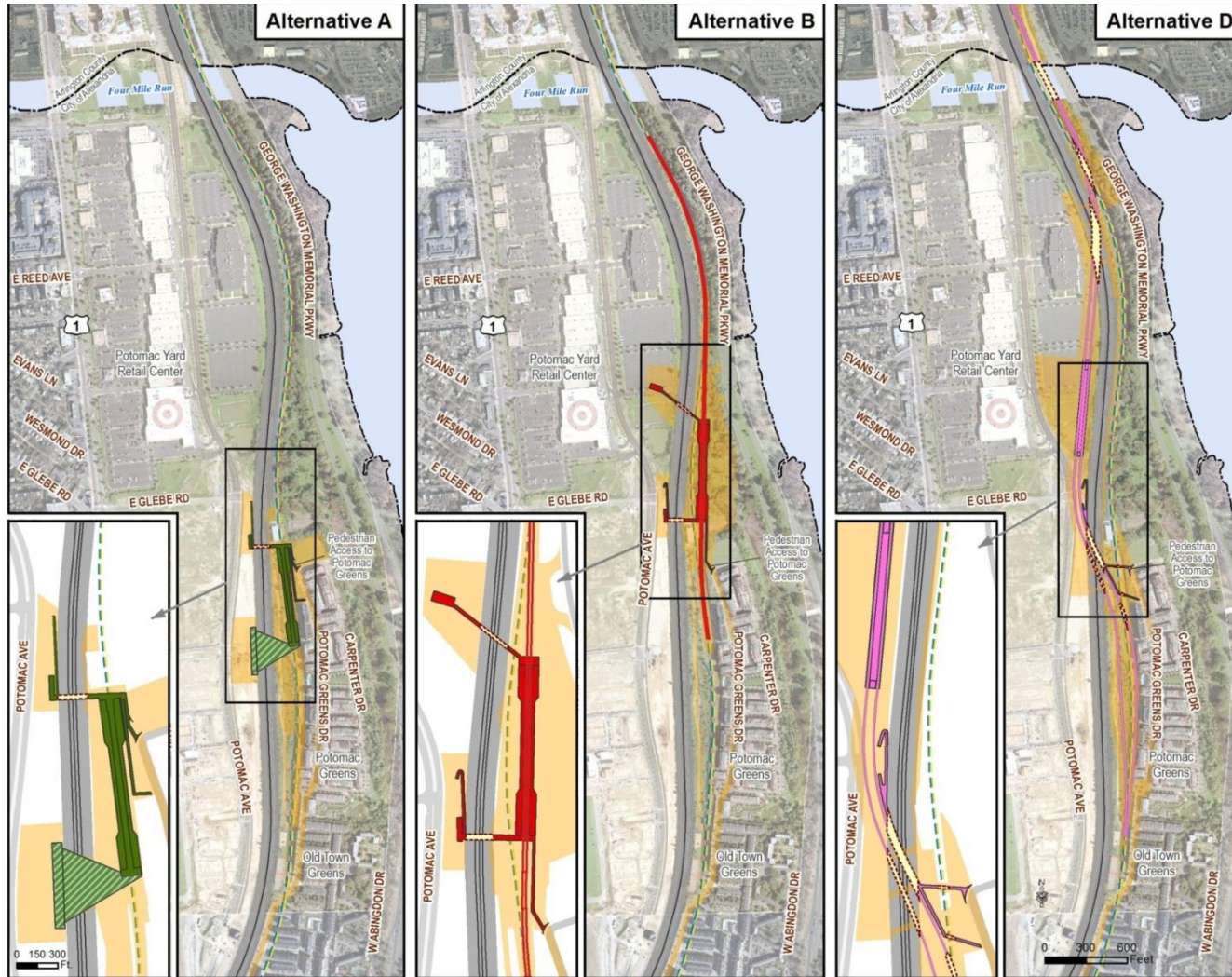- **FY2017-18:** Construction
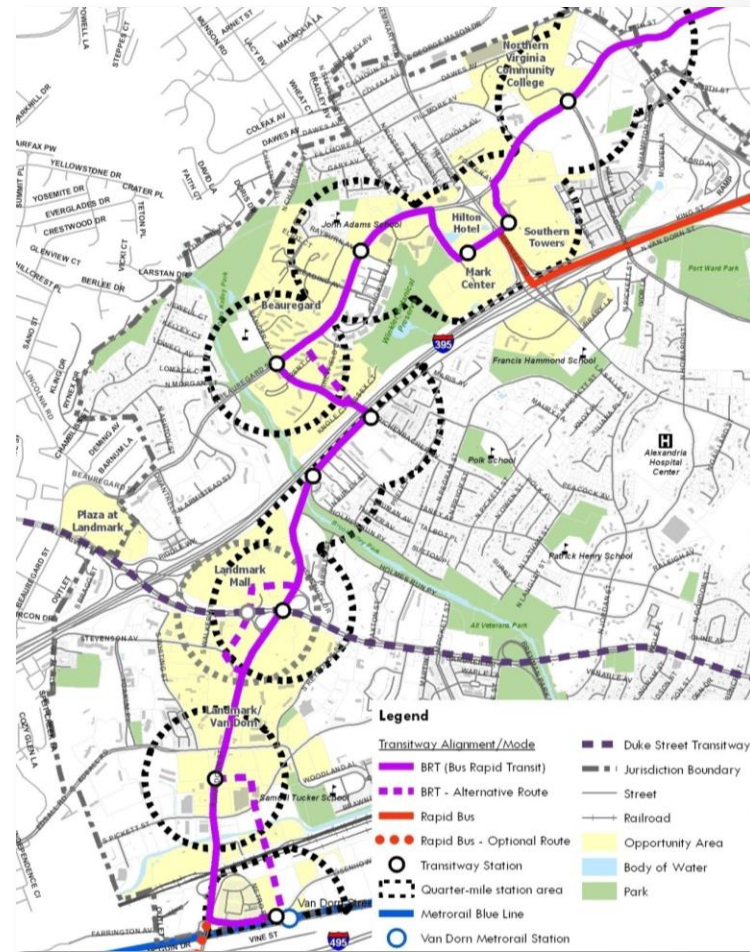
Potomac Yard Development: Key Issues

- Metrorail Station Siting
  - EIS: Environmental Impacts
  - Costs and Funding
  - Record of Decision
  - Selection of Locally Preferred Alternative
- FAA/Airports Authority Master Planning
- DVP Electrical Terminal Station
- Route 1 Transit Corridor Implementation
- Pace of Development

Potomac Yard Metro

Local Motion Program

- **Purpose**: To reduce automobile dependence, relieve congestion, increase mobility and improve air quality.

- Promotes and encourages public transit, ridesharing, bicycling, and walking as money and time saving alternatives

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/LocalMotionAlexandriaVA

Other Key Issues

- Strategic Plan Goals (1 & 4)
- Parking
- 10 minute walk radius

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